



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Registration Review Proposed Decisions for Sulfonylureas and Certain Other Pesticides; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA's proposed interim registration review and opens a 60-day public comment period on the proposed interim decisions. It also opens the docket for *Bacillus thuringiensis*. Registration review is EPA's periodic review of pesticide registrations to ensure that each pesticide continues to satisfy the statutory standard for registration, that is, that the pesticide can perform its intended function without unreasonable adverse effects on human health or the environment. Through this program, EPA is ensuring that each pesticide's registration is based on current scientific and other knowledge, including its effects on human health and the environment.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before *[insert date 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register]*.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by the docket identification (ID) number for the specific pesticide of interest provided in the tables in Unit II, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- *Mail:* OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For pesticide specific information, contact:* The Chemical Review Manager for the pesticide of interest identified in the tables in Unit II.

For general information on the registration review program, contact: Richard Dumas, Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC

20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8015; email address: *dumas.richard@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, farm worker, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the Chemical Review Manager for the pesticide of interest identified in the tables in Unit II.

B. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through regulations.gov or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information on a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in

the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html>.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Pursuant to 40 CFR 155.58, this notice announces the availability of EPA's proposed interim registration review decisions for the pesticides shown in the following tables, and opens a 60-day public comment period on the proposed interim decisions.

A single Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision document covering the 22 sulfonylurea chemicals listed in Table 1 is being made available for public review and comment. Public comments submitted to any of the 22 sulfonylurea dockets will be considered for the sulfonylureas as a group, as appropriate.

Table 1--Registration Review Proposed Interim Decision for Sulfonylureas

Registration Review Case Name and Number	Docket ID Number	Chemical Review Manager and Contact Information
Bensulfuron-methyl 7216	EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0663	Moana Appleyard <i>appleyard.moana@epa.gov</i> (703) 308-8175

Chlorimuron-ethyl 7403	EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0478	Leigh Rimmer <i>rimmer.leigh@epa.gov</i> (703) 347-0553
Chlorsulfuron 0631	EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0878	Miguel Zavala <i>zavala.miguel@epa.gov</i> (703) 347-0504
Flazasulfuron 7271	EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0994	Ricardo Jones <i>jones.ricardo@epa.gov</i> (703) 347-0493
Foramsulfuron 7252	EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0387	Jose Gayoso <i>gayoso.jose@epa.gov</i> (703) 347-8652
Halosulfuron-methyl 7233	EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0745	Brittany Pruitt <i>pruitt.brittany@epa.gov</i> (703) 347-0289
Imazosulfuron 7281	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0625	Caitlin Newcamp <i>newcamp.caitlin@epa.gov</i> (703) 347-0325
Iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium 7253	EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0717	Leigh Rimmer <i>rimmer.leigh@epa.gov</i> (703) 347-0553
Mesosulfuron-methyl 7263	EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0833	Maria Piansay <i>piansay.maria@epa.gov</i> (703) 308-8063

Metsulfuron-methyl 7205	EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0375	Brian Kettl <i>kettl.brian@epa.gov</i> (703) 347-0535
Nicosulfuron 7227	EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0372	Nathan Sell <i>sell.nathan@epa.gov</i> (703) 347-8020
Orthosulfamuron 7270	EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0438	Khue Nguyen <i>nguyen.khue@epa.gov</i> (703) 347-0248
Primisulfuron-methyl 7220	EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0844	Christina Scheltema <i>scheltema.christina@epa.gov</i> (703) 308-2201
Prosulfuron 7235	EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-1010	Wilhelmena Livingston <i>livingston.wilhelmena@epa.gov</i> (703) 308-8025
Rimsulfuron 7218	EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0178	Jose Gayoso <i>gayoso.jose@epa.gov</i> (703) 347-8652
Sulfometuron-methyl 3136	EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0433	Caitlin Newcamp <i>newcamp.caitlin@epa.gov</i> (703) 347-0325
Sulfosulfuron 7247	EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0434	Nicole Zinn <i>zinn.nicole@epa.gov</i> (703) 308-7076

Thifensulfuron-methyl 7206	EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0171	Steven Snyderman <i>snyderman.steven@epa.gov</i> (703) 347-0249
Triasulfuron 7221	EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0115	Margaret Hathaway <i>hathaway.margaret@epa.gov</i> (703) 305-5076
Tribenuron-methyl 7217	EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0626	Linsey Walsh <i>walsh.linsey@epa.gov</i> (703) 374-8030
Trifloxysulfuron-Sodium 7028	EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0409	Nicole Zinn <i>zinn.nicole@epa.gov</i> (703) 308-7076
Triflusulfuron-methyl 7236	EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0605	Susan Bartow <i>bartow.susan@epa.gov</i> (703) 603-0065

The chemicals included below in Table 2 are not sulfonylureas chemicals and have individual Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision documents.

Table 2--Registration Review Proposed Interim Decision – Additional Chemicals

Registration Review Case Name and Number	Docket ID Number	Chemical Review Manager and Contact Information

Antimycin A 4121	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0480	Christina Scheltema <i>scheltema.christina@epa.gov</i> (703) 308-2201
Bacillus thuringiensis 6503	EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0200	Jennifer Wingart <i>wingart.jennifer@epa.gov</i> (703) 347-0100
Flufenacet 7245	EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0863	Brian Kettl <i>kettl.brian@epa.gov</i> (703) 347-0535
Flurprimidol 7000	EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0630	Kelly Ballard <i>ballard.kelly@epa.gov</i> (703) 305-8126
Fosamine Ammonium 2355	EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0215	James Parker <i>parker.james@epa.gov</i> (703) 306-0469
Glufosinate Case 7224	EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0190	Marquea D. King <i>king.marquea@epa.gov</i> (703) 305-7432
Lithium Hypochlorite 3084	EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0606	Sandra O'Neill <i>oneill.sandra@epa.gov</i> (703) 347 0141
Tebufenozide 7416	EPA-HQ-2008-0824	Christina Scheltema <i>scheltema.christina@epa.gov</i> (703) 308-2201

The registration review docket for a pesticide includes earlier documents related to the registration review case, except for *Bacillus thuringiensis*, whose docket is now opening. For example, the review opened with a Summary Document, containing a Preliminary Work Plan, for public comment. A Final Work Plan was placed in the docket following public comment on the Preliminary Work Plan.

The documents in the dockets describe EPA's rationales for conducting additional risk assessments for the registration review of the pesticides included in the tables in Unit II, as well as the Agency's subsequent risk findings and consideration of possible risk mitigation measures. These proposed interim registration review decisions are supported by the rationales included in those documents.

Following public comment, the Agency will issue interim **or** final registration review decisions for the pesticides listed in the tables in Unit II.

The registration review program is being conducted under congressionally mandated time frames, and EPA recognizes the need both to make timely decisions and to involve the public. Section 3(g) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136a(g)) required EPA to establish by regulation procedures for reviewing pesticide registrations, originally with a goal of reviewing each pesticide's registration every 15 years to ensure that a pesticide continues to meet the FIFRA standard for registration. The Agency's final rule to implement this program was issued in August 2006 and became effective in October 2006, and appears at 40 CFR part 155, subpart C. The Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2003 (PRIA) was amended and extended in September 2007. FIFRA, as amended by PRIA in 2007, requires EPA to

complete registration review decisions by October 1, 2022, for all pesticides registered as of October 1, 2007.

The registration review final rule at 40 CFR 155.58(a) provides for a minimum 60-day public comment period on all proposed interim registration review decisions. This comment period is intended to provide an opportunity for public input and a mechanism for initiating any necessary amendments to the proposed interim decision. All comments should be submitted using the methods in **ADDRESSES**, and must be received by EPA on or before the closing date. These comments will become part of the docket for the pesticides included in the tables in Unit II. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked “late.” EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

The Agency will carefully consider all comments received by the closing date and may provide a “Response to Comments Memorandum” in the docket. The interim registration review decision will explain the effect that any comments had on the interim decision and provide the Agency’s response to significant comments.

Background on the registration review program is provided at:
<http://www2.epa.gov/pesticide-reevaluation>.

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